

Greetings! I am very pleased to be writing this in warmer and brighter weather. The days are getting longer, which is certainly helping with my energy and mental health.

We are definitely in a busy time at SLA right now. We (well, Dorothea and Leslie) are working on the Audit. This is one of the big steps in our planning for the AGM. Please note that this year's AGM will be virtual on May 6 and we hope you will tune in and participate. Another thing that will be on the agenda is the response to the resolution from 2020 about a bursary/award for a Canadian Indigenous MLIS student.

Of course, it is the time of planning for the 2021 conference. This is always an interesting time, but even more so this year since not only are we partnering with Manitoba Library Association, but we are planning for a fully virtual conference. I am excited for the opportunity for outreach and for the content of the conference. Mark in your calendar – June 14-16.

Another thing that happens at this time of year is our opportunity to communicate with the Ministers with libraries in their portfolios. This has typically been an in-person meeting, which has been successful in the past. Because of the current health restrictions, we are limiting this to a letter this year.

I would also like to wish you a happy OBOP month of March. There are some amazing events and opportunities for discussion and joy with this year's selection: Blanket Toss under Midnight Sun by Paul Seesequasis.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to consider putting your name forward for one of the soon to be open board positions. The open positions will be VP, Advocacy and Development and two members-at-large. Please consider this amazing opportunity to contribute to the future of SLA. Everyone has something to offer. There is no expectation for you to come to the Board with all sorts of experience. We are looking for true diversity on the Board, which also includes experience level.

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SLA President, 2020-2022